

Listing and Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1           1. (currently amended) A method for operating a video processing apparatus,  
2 comprising the steps of:  
3           receiving by said video processing apparatus an electronic message remotely,  
4 said electronic message comprising information relating to time and channel data of a  
5 selected event;

6           processing said electronic message in said video processing apparatus to  
7 determine said time and channel of the selected event; and  
8           forwarding by said video processing apparatus another electronic message if  
9 there is a conflict between said time and channel data and a preexisting timer event.

1           2. (currently amended) A method for operating a video processing apparatus,  
2 comprising the steps of:  
3           receiving a message directly from a user in email format including sender,  
4 subject and control information, wherein the subject comprises an operating command  
5 for operating said video processing apparatus;

6           processing, in said video processing apparatus, said message to determine said  
7 control information; and

8           operating said video processing apparatus in response to said operating  
9 command and said control information.

1           3. (currently amended) The method of Claim 2 wherein said control information  
2   is disposed in a message portion of an email and comprises at least a password,  
3   channel data and time data.

1           4. (original) The method of Claim 3 further comprising the step of evaluating said  
2   password for user verification and wherein said step of operating comprises turning on  
3   said video processing apparatus at the desired time and selecting a program in  
4   response to said time and channel data.

1           5. (currently amended) The method of Claim 2 wherein said operating command  
2   is control information further comprises a recording command and said step of  
3   operating comprises controlling a video recording device, interconnected thereto, to  
4   record a program associated with said time and channel data.

1           6. (original) The method of Claim 5 wherein said step of controlling comprises  
2   programming an event timer, associated with said video recording device, using said  
3   time and channel data.

1           7. (original) The method of Claim 2 wherein said control information comprises  
2   program data.

1           8. (original) The method of Claim 7 further comprising passing said program data  
2   to the electronic program guide to determine the time and channel information  
3   associated with said program data, said program data corresponding to a program  
4   listed in said electronic program guide.

1           9. (new) The method of Claim 1 wherein said received electronic message  
2   includes a password for user verification by the video processing apparatus.